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## **NOTICE**

### **Murch Elementary School Modernization Project**

The Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) would like to notify Embassies located within the International Chancery Center (ICC) of the Murch Elementary School Modernization Project. Murch Elementary School is located 1.2 miles from the ICC and has approximately 600 pre-kindergarten through fifth grade students. The modernization of Murch will include the renovation of the existing school building, as well as a substantial addition to accommodate 720 students, and provide adequate cafeteria, gym, and media space to support the current academic program.

In order to maintain a productive learning environment during the modernization of Murch Elementary School, a swing space of temporary demountable trailers will be built on the grounds of the soccer field at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC), at Van Ness Street and Connecticut Avenue. The trailer complex will include approximately 45 trailers and an enclosed tent to be utilized for multi-purpose space.

Work at the site began in early July 2016 and is anticipated to be complete by the end of August 2016. During that time, portions of Van Ness Street and International Court will be closed for work. One side will remain passable at all times so access to the Embassy properties will not be affected. Students and staff will move into the trailers in August of 2016 and will attend school on the grounds through June 2018. Additional information on the project can be found at the DC Public Schools website: <https://sites.google.com/a/dc.gov/dcps-school-modernizations/home/murch-elementary-school>.

Questions concerning this matter may be directed to Kimberly Grant at telephone at (202) 647-3417 or by electronic mail at [GrantKB@state.gov](mailto:GrantKB@state.gov).

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